GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY HIMACHAL PRADESH
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh and Members of Parliament have made a request for the extension of broad gauge line from Kalka-Parwanoo, Chandigarh-Paonta Sahib-Dehradun, Baijnath-Bhanupalli via Mandi-Bilaspur, gauge conversion of Pathankot-Jogendra Nagar Kangra Valley narrow gauge into broad gauge, increasing allocation for Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Rampur, Ghanauli-Pinjore via Nalagarh-Baddi and Kumarhatti-Dehradun rail lines and speeding up the construction work of these rail lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the budget has been increased accordingly and the construction work is being speeded up;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a)to(e) : Yes, Sir. In view of constraint of resources and large shelf of on-going new line projects, it is not feasible to consider construction of proposed new lines. The work of construction of new line between Kalka-Parwanoo has already been sanctioned. For construction of this line, the matter with regard to acquisition of land in Kambli village in Himachal Pradesh has been taken up with the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh who have indicated that the State Govt. is reviewing the location of terminus station from Kambli to Tipra. Once the final stand of the State Govt. is known and land is made available, the physical work of construction of this line would be started.